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1. ACCORDING TO AN MFA OFFICIAL DEALING WITH AFRICANAFFAIRS, GREECE IS NOW FOLLOWING A POLICY OF "WATCHFUL WAITING" WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA AND HAS NOT YET DETERMINED WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE CONTENDING FACTIONS IT WILL EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZE AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF POST-INDEPENDENT ANGOLA. HE STATED THAT THE ANGOLAN INTERNAL SITUATION PRESENTLY WAS ENTIRELY TOO CONFUSED FOR THE GOG TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A POLICY DECISION. THE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT GREECE'S ULTIMATE DECISION WILL BE BASED UPON TWO PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS: A) WHICH FACTION SUCCEEDS IN ESTABLISHING CONTROL OVER THE POPULACE AND TERRITORY OF ANGOLA; AND B) WHAT ACTION OTHER NATIONS DECIDE TO TAKE WITH REGARD TO INDEPENDENT ANGOLA.

2. THE MFA OFFICIAL WAS GENERALLY INFORMED ON EVENTS IN ANGOLA, BUT APPRECIATED THE UPDATING (REFTEL) PROVIDED BY OUR EMBOFF. THE MFA OFFICIAL WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED

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BY OUR ASSESSMENT THAT THE MPLA CONTROLLED ONLY SIX DISTRICT

CAPTIALS AND ONLY ONE ENTIRE DISTRICT,
AND ONE-THIRD OF THE TERRITORY AND PEOPLE. THIS, HE SAID,
WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN THE FORMULATION OF
GOG POLICY TOWARDS ANGOLA.

3. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT EVENTS IN ANGOLA WERE
COVERED BY GREEK EMBASSIES IN YAOUNDE AND PRETORIA,
BOTH OF WHICH WERE DISTANT FROM THE SCENE. THEREFORE, HE
CONCLUDED, THE MFA WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING WHATEVER
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN
ANGOLA WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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